



November 2022

Dear Parents,

October kept us busy with many things; pumpkins, apples, friends, firetruck, firefighters and Halloween. Pumpkin picking, a hayride and farm animals at West Portal Pumpkin Patch with our classmates was fantastic. We ended the month with an amazing Halloween celebration; parade, class activities and a fun party! Thank you to the moms who made this day so special for the Terrific 3s!

- Pumpkin Discovery: color, carving, looking and feeling what's inside, how do pumpkins grow, seeds, decorating
- Pumpkin Sensory Experiences: Scooping out the inside of the pumpkin with their hands. Words they used to describe it: slimy, yucky, smelly, cold
- Pumpkin Invitation to Create: Pumpkin activity using coffee filter, orange washable marker, shapes for eyes, nose and mouth, glue sticks
- Science: What two colors mixed together make Orange? We experimented using paints we also used food coloring. Chromatography using coffee filter and orange washable marker. Erupting pumpkin: baking soda and vinegar.
- Indoor and Outdoor Discovery: Leaves, bark, acorns, sticks, pinecones, tree "cookies"
- Outdoor Sensory Experiences: Texture of tree bark, sound of crunching leaves, smells of wood, pinecones
- Collaborative Art: Using shower loofah/pouf, each child had the opportunity to dip them in orange, red and yellow paint and "bounce" the loofah/pouf on a large piece of paper which then became the top of a Fall Tree!
- Culinary: Apple tasting, Apple Pie in a cup, Marshmallow Spider. These experiences allowed the children to use all their senses, scoop, stir, and build.
- Christian Study: Morning prayer (see below). The rosary. Prayer before snack. Honesty: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10

The children enjoyed learning and singing various songs and finger plays: 5 Little Pumpkins, The Green Grass Grows and their favorite:

### **5 Crows All Shiny Black**

5 crows all shiny black  
Sat on a scarecrow's back,  
Eating some most delicious corn... yum, yum!  
Scarecrow winked and shouted "Boo!"  
Scared one crow and away he flew  
Now there are 4 black shiny crows, caw, caw

Some of the fun books we have read: *The Leaves on the Trees* by Thom Wiley; *Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne F. Rockwell; *Sneeze Big Bear Sneeze* by Maureen Wright; *Autumn Orange* by Christianne C. Jones Leffler; *Pete the Cat and the Itsy Bitsy Spider* by James Dean

The changes in your children are wonderful. They all understanding our class rules and expectations. Sometimes the smallest thing can make them so happy; gluing or just pushing their chair in after snack. When they smile, I smile too!

We have been working and will continue to work on colors, shapes, counting, number recognition, and letter and name recognition throughout the day. Before we go out to play, I have been encouraging the children to put their own coats on. This is a challenge for some, but with practice they will be so excited that they can do it on their own! I would like to ask when practicing at home you do not use the coat on the floor and over their head. There is no room in the hallway and I don't want children getting hit with coats and zippers.

Below are some important dates to remember:



Thursday, November 10 LifeTouch Retake Picture Day



Friday, November 11. Conferences will be in the classroom.

Please come at your scheduled time I am looking forward to sharing your child's progress, discussing goals for the year and listening to your questions, concerns and desires for your child. I would like to ask that you don't bring your child to our meeting, thank you



Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – **Brown** Day! Have your child wear as much brown as possible



Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Class Thanksgiving Feast. Class Moms will reach out to you with more information



No School November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Happy  
Thanksgiving  
Mrs. DeGasperis

# PRESCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Jesus,  
Please show me how to spend this day  
Sharing your LOVE in every way  
Help me to be kind to everyone  
To play and laugh and have lots of fun  
Shining your light and giving your grace  
Sharing your JOY with a smile on my face!

